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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Re: Preliminary Amendment and

Information Disclosure Statement

Appl. No.:

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Title:

Novel Compounds Useful in Pain Management

Inventor(s):

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Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. Preliminary Amendment;
- 2. Fee Calculation Sheet;
- 3. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 4. List of References Cited by Applicant;
- 5. References AE1-AK1 and AL1-AM1;
- 6. Our check in the amount of \$320.00 representing the fee for additional claims; and
- 7. Form indicating receipt by the PTO of the above items.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed Receipt be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975.

Respectfully submitted,

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CALCULATION OF ADDITIONAL FEES FOR AMENDED CLAIMS

Applicant(s) have calculated the additional fees for the amended claims as follows:

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TRADEMI	No. After Amendment	No. Previously Paid for	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	21	29 =	0	\$ 18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	10	6 =	4	\$ 80.00	320.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM	0	0	0	\$270.00	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					320.00

Fee paid with the attached check, filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 9, 2001.